

(Washington, D.C.) -- Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) released the following statement today after learning that Ormet Primary Aluminum Corporation had issued a WARN Act notice for its Reduction Division in Hannibal.

"In this fragile economy and with the declining demand for aluminum, we've been concerned about Ormet. So, it's very disappointing to see the announcement from this anchor employer in Monroe County that will result in up to 982 employees losing their jobs. We have and we will continue to help the company and its workers get back on their feet. Just this week, the House is expected to vote on a bill that will help states pay unemployment insurance. The bill would increase existing borrowing authority for state programs and today's announcement from Ormet underscores why my support for such a measure is crucial.

Nevertheless, I remain hopeful that the demand for aluminum will increase and that our neighbors and friends will be able to go back to work soon."